A Short
Teſtimony
FROM
Some of thoſe that are come to the *Obedience* of the *Goſpel*,

Againſt all falſe Liberty in Youth (or whom it may concern) amongſt us that make the *Croſs* of *Chriſt* of none Effect, and the pretious way of Truth ſeem a light thing, and evil ſpoken of by them which are without, &c.

Friends,

WE who are come to the Goſpel-day, the Day of Gods Power, which Power is the Goſpel, even the Diſpenſation of one pure Spirit that giveth Life, and hath brought Immortallity to Light through the Goſpel; and that we, and we only promote the Glory of the Go[illegible] and hold forth the bleſſed Name of the Lord [illegible] in his Power, as we daily perſevere in ſubje[illegible]

our whole inward Man unto the Croſs of Chriſt Jeſus which is the Power of God revealed in us, for the ſaving of our Souls out of all that which would defile, both Fleſh and Spirit, ('tis that which goeth out defileth the Man) but the Power is revealed within to redeem from all Corruptions of this Tranſitory World, and ſetteth free from the Spirit of it, ſeparating and Sanctifying from all that would draw into fellowſhip with it, &c. Oh, 'tis ſuch, and ſuch only who are come to the bleſſed Effects of the Goſpel of Peace and Reconciliation of Life in Chriſt Jeſus our Saviour from Sin, through Death wrought in his Croſs; 'tis we that are come to the Reſurrection of that Life that lives to God in the daily renewing of our minds, through the effectual working of his Power, which worketh mightily in us that believe in that Power wherein the Kingdom of God conſiſts. Oh Magnified be the Name of our God, the God of our Salvation, the Heart-ſearching God that hath brought a Remnant hither, that are waiting in ſecret, and crying in Spirit: *Oh thy Kingdom, thy Kingdom come, thy Dominion enlarge, thy Power exalt, thy Scepter ſway, that Righteouſneſs may Reign, thy Truth Proſper; thy Name, thy holy Name make great upon the Earth, for thy Name is our Sanctuary who knows it, and truſteth in it forever*: And now for this Name, this glorious powerful Name of the Lord [illegible] who have our Fellowſhip and Unity in it, we feel a deep ſenſe concerned, Sorrowing and [illegible]ring for the prevailing of that Spirit that would not that our King ſhould Rule in Righteouſneſs, neither that the Decrees and Judgment of our Law-giver ſhould take place to the through purging of his Houſe, and right order

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of his Family, &c. Therefore, we in holy Zeal are ſtirred up to teſtifie againſt ſomething of that which cauſeth the offence of the Croſs of Chriſt to ceaſe, as many young People and others do, by takeing to themſelves a Liberty which the Spirit of Truth allows not; ſo that you who take this Liberty ſit down at eaſe in the Fleſh, ſeeking to pleaſe your ſelves, and ſatisfie your own Wills, and ſute your Affections in various things, more then you ſeek the fear of God, in awe to ſtand that you Sin not, and in ſelf-abaſement, mortifying the Deſires and Affections that are on the Earth and in Earthly things, by daily ſelf-denyal, taking up the Croſs, waiting to know the will of the Lord, that you may do it, by which you may become Veſſels of Sanctification and Holineſs, that therein you may receive the ſtamp of God's Houſe and mark of his Family, which are the Generation of his Off ſpring, and the Lord is the portion of ſuch forever. But as for you that have, and do make void the Croſs of Chriſt through a Libertiniſn Converſation, and yet you live under the Profeſſion of Truth, but holds it in Unrighteouſneſs, and ſo in Hypocriſie, which Gods Soul abhors, and that his Power goeth againſt, and judgeth all ſuch that will not live in obedience to the Truth, &c.

And to you young Ones, that never yet took up the Croſs of Chriſt to ſtay your minds out of the luſting Eye and vain Deſires, but are at Liberty in your [illegible]ons, which is the product of the Spirit of this W[illegible]d yet you live under the Profeſſion of Truth [illegible]ow to the true and faithful Witneſs in all you[illegible] Conſciences, this is commended, that with that you may read your own States, and ſee

our Burdens for your sakes, by whom some of us suffer, not only in our Spirits, but in our Estates also; (but let all be advised how they Credit such young Persons, for 'tis a disorderly unruly Spirit in young People) who subjects not your Necks to Christs Yoke, neither answers his Light and Spirit of Truth, which is given to you to cleanse your wayes if you would take heed to it, and to guide you out of all corrupt Actions, which makes a stink, and brings infamy upon the blessed Truth which you profess: But the Light leades the obedient ones out of all hurtful Liberty, wherein the Devils Temptations attends Youth to deceive their Souls, and the Light directs the Followers of it into all serious, sober, holy, chaste Conversation, coupled with the fear of God, and is a Leader into all Truth, &c.

And this in particular, we in the Truth do again and again warn all such young Persons that are Maidens, especially that under any pretence whatsoever would go to their own Hands either in keeping of Shops or otherwise, although they have been bred up to Trades, in any case of that Nature, let such advise with, and take Counsel of some faithful Friends of, or at the *Monthly Meeting* to which they do belong; and if any such do dissent, and will not subject to this wholesome order of Truth, but as before, cast behind their backs Truths Exhortation, such do mark themselves disorderly Persons; for Truth leaves not Youth to their own Liberty, wherein they corrupt themselves, or one another in [illegible] held in a loose Spirit, which the Light doth [illegible] prove, if heeded: For we are not willing to specifie every particular bad effect of that Liberty, that some through

a careless mind are running into, and the ill Consequences thereof, which our Spirits is loaded with, and bowed down under. So that in a deep sense of suffering, therefore we cannot but for the Lords sake warn again and again of that wrong, negligent, loose, light, vain, hurtful Spirit of Liberty in every one that brings forth Works of Darkness, and Fruits of an Unrighteous Conversation; but that Liberty which through the Cross, Christ redeems into, and the Truth sets free in, that we in the fellowship of the Truth seek to propogate, and would not abridge old or young in the least measure thereof.

However, the Friends of Truth are clear, whose sincere Intents in this matter, the Lord who bears us record knows, 'tis our Godly care for young Ones Preservation in the Truth in their particular, and our woful Experience of Youths miscarrage in this present day, together with our fervent and faithful regard to the pretious Name of the Lord in the general, that constrains us in the fear of God and true Humility, to shew forth these our earnest indeavours to stop all hurtful Liberty, that more room may be made amongst us for the prosperity and growth of Truth, and that all such as profess it, may as they ought to be the Salt of the Earth, giving a good savour in their Conversations. For blessed, oh blessed forever be the Arm of Power that is now revealed in gathering a Number which are of his Royal Offspring, that seeks nothing more then to serve the Lord, wherein they are manifest to be the called of God, according to the purpose of his Grace and divine Will, which is our Sanctification, to live alwayes in obedience to his Spirit and Grace of Life which we are

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purchased to be Heirs of, and Inheritors in the houſhold of Faith and Family of God, and therein as Children in obedience we approve our ſelves, and in our places as Servants and Stewards according to our proportions of Faith received, we alſo are diſcharging our duty to them behind, that all might come to take their poſſeſſion with us, in the Heavenly good and perfect gift of Grace which cometh down from the Father of Light, the only wiſe God, our King Immortal, to whom be all Dominion, Might, Majeſty, Strength and Power aſcribed, in all Reverence and Godly fear, henceforth and forever, *Amen.*

From the Quarterly Meeting in London, *the 8th of the 8th Month*, 1677.

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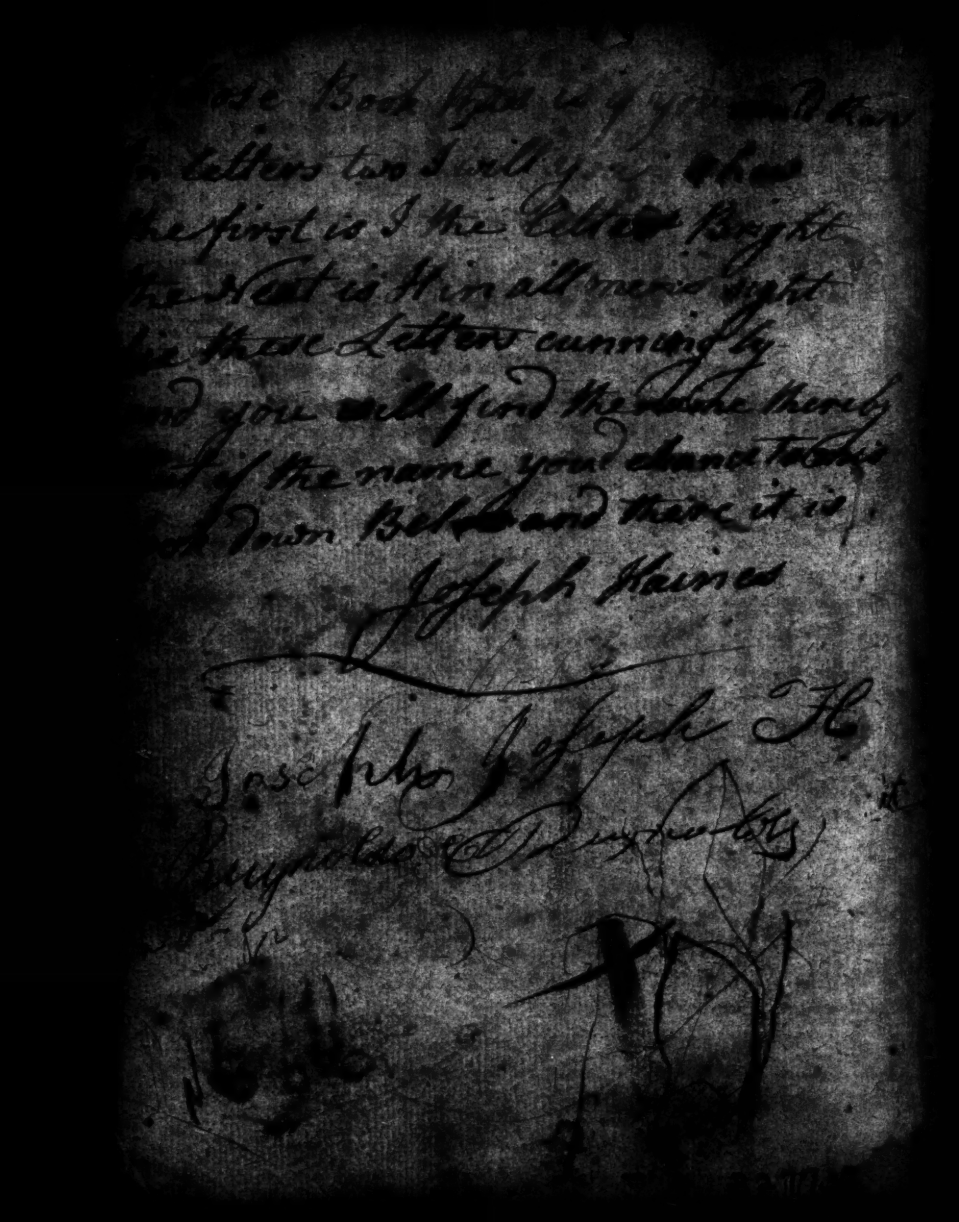

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